

2006 – 2007

WISCONSIN WATER & WASTEWATER FUNDING SOURCES & ASSISTANCE

Organization	<i>USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Rural Utility Service (RUS))</i>
Program Title	Water and Wastewater Grant & Loan Program
Eligible Applicants	Cities, villages, tribes, sanitary districts and towns in rural areas with a population up to 10,000.
Grant, Loan Or Other Type Of Program	Grants & loans.
Eligible Project Type	Loan and grants to construct, improve, or modify municipal drinking water and wastewater systems, storm sewers, and solid waste disposal facilities.
Funding Available Per Year Per Program	Fiscal Year 2006 allocations for Wisconsin: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loan: \$21,814,000• Grant: \$7,378,000
Maximum Grant/Loan	Maximum Loan: 100% of project cost. Maximum Grant*: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% of project if MHI <\$37,306 and health and sanitary problems exist.• 45% of project if MHI \$37,306 - \$46,632.• 0% of project if MHI >\$46,632. Grant Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Median household income (MHI)• User rates.• Debt repayment ability.
Typical Application Cycle	Applications accepted throughout fiscal year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30). Applicants are notified of status within 45 days.
Estimated Time To Prepare Application	Once preliminary engineering report is completed, time to complete pre-application is nominal. Time to process application varies and may take up to a year. Loan-only projects may be fast-tracked.
Major Application Criteria	Priority to municipalities with a population less than 5,500, projects serving low income communities, and projects necessary to alleviate a health or sanitary problem.
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Additional Comments	Maximum loan term is 40 years. Bonds can be pledge of revenue, special assessment, or general obligation. There is a credit test requirement.